

Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 13, 1877, with transcript

Home, March 13, 77. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

The Examination papers received yesterday explain the object of the telegram "to testify". I should like to see the evidence on the other side. Do they not open their case till yours is finished? Be sure to keep us posted on all the stages. I suppose my testimony would be objected to as my exhibit-letter was! I could say nothing of more importance than the fact stated in my letter. I am sorry that your lecture has been deemed unadvisable, as it gave you very important pecuniary help. The practical application announced in your yesterday letter seems helpful. We are glad that in connection with it we have the prospect of seeing you soon. If I understand you rightly you have concluded an arrangement by which you are secure of a salary of \$5,000. for the current year. I heartily congratulate you, as there will now be no need to defer your happiness in marriage. With love to Mabel and yourself,

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.